

# Program Handbook

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## FOREWORD

This handbook sets forth policies and procedures for providing official weighing services and is divided into chapters that pertain to major areas of weighing. The information contained in this handbook is applicable to Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) field offices and to delegated and designated agencies.

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NOTE: Those chapters published in this Handbook since 2004 conform to the concept of primary use of SI metric measurements recommended in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 by citing SI units before inch-pound units where both units appear together and placing separate sections containing requirements in inch-pound units. In some cases, however, trade practice is currently restricted to the use of inch-pound units; therefore, some requirements in this Handbook will continue to specify and use examples only in inch-pound units until the National Conference on Weights and Measures achieves a broad consensus on the permitted SI units.

It should be noted that a space has been inserted instead of commas in all numerical values greater than 9999 in this document published since 2004, following a growing practice, originating in tabular work, to use spaces to separate large numbers into groups of three digits. This avoids conflict with the practice in many countries to use the comma as a decimal marker.